

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 25 House Building
February 20, 2013**

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Thatcher, Co-Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Richard Greenwood
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Excused: Sen. Mark B. Madsen

Staff Present: Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.
An audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Rep. Hutchings called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Rep. Hughes, Rep. King, and Rep. Seelig absent for the vote.

Rep. Hutchings discussed the materials provided for the meeting, including the issue brief that shows all fees and fee changes and the draft ongoing and one-time agency budget request charts.

Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst, provided further clarification to the ongoing and one-time request pages.

Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)

Ron Gordon, Executive Director, introduced Dave Walsh, Deputy Director, and gave background

information on CCJJ. He highlighted some of the accomplishments from 2012 including establishing a cost benefit analysis on criminal justice intervention, beginning a strategic plan for housing offenders, a rewrite of the statewide warrant system, an evaluation of the offender employment placement project, and work from the Utah Office for Victims of Crime. The following Building Block requests were discussed.

Building Block Requests:

- 1) Increased Extradition Costs
\$75,000 Ongoing
\$45,500 One-time
- 2) Increase in Judicial Performance Evaluation
\$39,600 Ongoing
- 3) Increased Spending Authority for the State Asset Forfeiture Grant Program (SAFG)
\$500,000 Ongoing

Richard Ziebarth, CCJJ, discussed funding sources and balances for SAFG. Funding is used for drug courts, drug treatment programs, neighborhood narcotics work and multi-jurisdictional drug task forces.

Mr. Gordon discussed a funding request for finding of factual innocence. Payments are made from the Crime Victim Reparation Fund which is then reimbursed by the Legislature. The request was for \$70,000.

Joanne Slotnik, Executive Director, Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, discussed the Building Block request of \$39,600. Initial one-time funding was used for startup, and now those funds are being used for ongoing functions. The qualitative analysis component adds additional information to survey information. Ms. Slotnik described the courtroom observation program and the appellate opinion evaluation project. Volunteers are trained for courtroom observation and have provided the state over \$37,000 worth of volunteer time. The commission is working on how to improve public awareness for the voting public. Reports can be found at judges.utah.gov.

Mr. Gordon discussed federal and state pass through funds in their budget and noted that travel expenditures in the budget are for extraditions. He acknowledged Gary Scheller, Director, Utah Office for Victims of Crime, and Ben Peterson, Director, Research in the audience.

EOCJ Fees

Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, explained the "State Agency Fees FY 2014" issue brief. The last two pages contain a summary of fee changes.

Joe Brown, Administrative Services, Department of Public Safety, discussed fee changes for the state crime lab. He stated they hope not to impose the fees, but they are in place if needed to prevent abuse of the free service provided by the state.

Mr. Brown discussed Expungement Application fees, EVO Driving Range fees, Cadet Application fees, Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) Waiver fees, and Certificate Application fees.

Mike Haddon, acting Executive Director, Department of Corrections, explained Resident Support fees.

Gary Sessions, Finance Director, Department of Corrections, explained Inmate Leases and Concessions fees.

Susan Burke, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, provided the committee a handout entitled "Utah's Juvenile Justice System - JJS Budget Requests Overlay" that illustrates the number of youth in each program and the benefit of early intervention. She stated that without early intervention, more resources are required and the likelihood of success decreases.

MOTION: Rep. Greenwood moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Okerlund, Sen Reid and Rep. Hughes absent for the vote.

Rep. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Co-Chair

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair